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SUBJECT: KAMA TRUCK PRODUCTION INCHES FORWARD

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1. FOLLOWING TOUR OF KAMA TRUCK PLANT (KAMAZ), RICHARD J. SCHAGER, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS FOR GOULD'S ENGINE PARTS DIVISION, TOLD COMOFF AUGUST 13 THAT PRODUCTION HAS EXPANDED SLIGHTLY SINCE PLANT WENT ON STREAM IN FEBRUARY. DAILY PRODUCTION IS 18-20 TRUCKS AND EQUAL QUANTITY OF ENGINES, BUT SOVIETS HOPE TO INCREASE THIS FIGURE FIVEFOLD BY YEAR'S END. DIESEL PLANT'S PLANNED CAPACITY IS 31 ENGINE PER HOUR.

2. SCHAGER BELIEVES THAT FOUNDRY STILL CONSTITUTES KAMAZ'S NARROWEST BOTTLENECK. CASTINGS ARE NOW BEING PRODUCED BUT IN SUCH SMALL QUANTITIES THAT TECHNICIANS ARE UNABLE TO DEBUG FOUNDRY EQUIPMENT, WHICH IS LARGELY OF UNITED STATES ORIGIN. INITIAL CASTING REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET BY IMPORTS FROM FRG.

3. GOULD DOES NOT HAVE EQUIPMENT AT KAMAZ, BUT SCHAGER COMMENTED THAT AREA'S STRONG WINDS AND PLANT'S INADE-
QUATE ENCLOSURES ENSURE DUST PROBLEMS FOR MACHINERY
INSTALLED THERE.

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